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COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE

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Minutes of the SIXTH Meeting
Committee on Foreign Intelligence
East Building, at 1500 hours, 30 April 1976

Director of Central Intelligence
Mr. George Bush
Presiding

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Robert F. Ellsworth, Deputy Secretary of Defense

Mr. William G. Hyland, Deputy Assistant to the President for
National Security Affairs

OTHERS PRESENT

Mr. Thomas Latimer, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of
Defense (Intelligence)

[REDACTED] Deputy to the DCI for
the Intelligence Community

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[REDACTED], Acting Associate
Deputy to the DCI for the Intelligence Community

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Mr. Richard Lehman, Assistant to the Director of Central
Intelligence

Mr. Walter Elder, Executive Secretary of the CFI (Designate)

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE

FROM

[Redacted]
Acting Executive Secretary

SUBJECT : Draft Minutes of the 30 April 1976 Meeting
of the Committee on Foreign Intelligence

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1. Executive sessions were held prior to and after the regular meeting.

2. The Chairman opened the meeting with a brief comment on DCID 1/19, which will create a National Foreign Intelligence Board to replace the USIB, and Mr. Walter Elder was introduced as the CFI Executive Secretary, effective 1 June.

3. Minutes of the 31 March meeting were approved without change.

4. The proposed CFID on "National Reconnaissance Activities" was discussed at some length. Wording changes proposed by Mr. Ellsworth to paragraphs 3c., g., i., and p. were approved. Final approval of the Directive was deferred pending a discussion by Mr. Ellsworth with the Secretary of Defense concerning paragraph 3b. and consideration by the other members of Mr. Ellsworth's proposed revision of paragraph 3m.

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5. The Committee considered two alternative versions of NSCID No. 1 and approved the longer version, developed by the Defense Department, which contained references to portions of Executive Order 11905 relating to control and direction of national intelligence and to responsibilities of Intelligence Community organizations, in addition to duties of the Director of Central Intelligence. The shorter version was limited to DCI responsibilities not set forth in the Executive Order.

6. The Committee discussed the revised NSCID No. 6 at some length, and considered issues which had arisen between NSA and the majority of the Task Group which has rewritten the entire set of NSCIDs. NSA had opposed any change in the existing NSCID No. 6 not actually required by E.O. 11905. The CFI remanded the paper for redraft, and instructed the Task Group chairman to include wording which will reflect the existing situation as regards signals intelligence activities, with specific reference to activities being carried out by elements of the Intelligence Community other than the National Security Agency. Action on NSCID No. 6 is to be completed within one week.

7. The Committee approved the revision of NSCID No. 5 after considering changes which the State Department had proposed and after Mr. Ellsworth had withdrawn objections previously posed by NSA to paragraphs 1c. and 3c.

8. In order to facilitate early submission of the revised NSCIDs to the NSA, the Executive Secretary was directed to provide each member a set of the NSCIDs already approved (all but NSCID No. 6) for final review before submission to the NSC. Any further coordination within his own organization will be only such as an individual Committee member considers desirable.

9. The Committee decided to issue a CFID establishing the Intelligence Research and Development Council as a permanent sub-committee of the CFI. The IR&DC formerly reported to the Intelligence Resources Advisory Committee (IRAC) which was abolished upon issuance of Executive Order 11905.

10. The regular meeting adjourned at 1610 hours.



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